

EXHIBIT 8

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US Department of Housing and Urban Development January 21, 2013
ATTN: FOIA Public Liaison
Via fax 202-874-7016 [submitted to HUD online]

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT OF
HUD ("HUD")**

Dear FOIA Public Liaison,

This is a FOIA request for the following documents. In 2008, HUD entered into a Contract or Order for services related to the TARP program with a law firm. This FOIA request seeks the contract documents under which HUD was represented or advised by outside counsel under this Contract or Order. Specifically, it is believed that HUD was represented or advised by the law firm of Thacher Proffitt and Wood, LLP ("Thacher") which was the initial contractor. This request seeks the contract and any orders or modifications given by HUD to Thacher in connection with the subject of the Contract or Order. In addition, it is believed that, at some point, Sonnenschein Nath and Rosenthal, LLP ("Sonnenschein") came to replace Thacher as HUD's contractor. This request also seeks all documents reflecting the contract or order or modification or novation or assignment by which Sonnenschein came to replace Thacher as counsel to or advisor to HUD under the referenced contract or order or any successors, including especially any submissions or other documents of any kind that were provided to HUD or any other federal entity to support or justify the change of firms contracting with HUD. It is particularly important to us to receive any records of anything submitted or said by either Thacher or Sonnenschein or any representative of either to HUD to get Sonnenschein to be the contractor for HUD or, if any member of either firm was the contractor or replacement contractor, of any submissions for that purpose.

The name of the requester is Michael E. Geltner, and the address and telephone number during business hours and emails and fax number of the requester are above. The category is "other" under your regulations.

I agree to pay the applicable fees. Please advise if an advance payment is required.

Please call or email if any additional information is needed to process this FOIA request.

Very truly yours,

Michael E Geltner